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 Department has no repeat no information that flights of three IL-18's under Cuban registry propelling overfly Fedrop 100-19-25 between Moscow and Havana are connected negotiations re Cuba. We believe there may be ferry flights of aircraft acquired by Cuba from USSR to augment Cuban Prague-Havana service or to inaugurate new Cuban service to Moscow. It is also possible USSR has placed aircraft under Cuban registry to avoid connection with Soviet non-adherence to Airspace Clearance and Transit Agreement and that USSR is actually operating aircraft for its own purposes. USSR has not been able operate aircraft to Cuba under Cuban registry since Cuban Crisis arose.

US of course has no objection to Cuba or further augmentation of its air transport. FOLAD discussion for several weeks with USSR during October agreed to US proposals. (See

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